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For: ELECTRONIC RIGHTS INFORMATION
PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT
SAME AND RECORDED MEDIUM FOR
PROGRAM CARRYING OUT THE
METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the paragraph from lines 6-13 with the following amended paragraph:

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The invention relates to a treatment such as circulation of information corresponding to that which concerns the rights relating to a commercial trade or electronic information which signifies a variety of rights (hereafter referred to as electronic rights information or electronic ticket), and in particular, to a method of and an apparatus for treatment of electronic rights information which safeguard the rights information against copying or falsification while allowing a safe storage and circulation